



Appalachian Native Botanical Sanctuary Certification Program

The Preservation Committee of the Community Council of the University of Georgia's Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center invites area plant enthusiasts to be recognized through the Appalachian Native Botanical Sanctuary Certification Program. We hope to honor those who plant, nurture and preserve native plants, trees and shrubs and to applaud property owners for sustaining an ecosystem which continues its connection with the natural world.

Your effort to preserve, enhance, conserve and protect our environment by retaining our "sense of place" will educate newcomers while giving our wildlife its preferred habitat. The objective is to continue our regional distinction. Using rare natives is not the goal unless they are naturally on your property; preserving and accenting what naturally grows is the goal. Cultivars and non-natives can be used as long as they are not an invasive species and they continue to reflect the ambiance of our area.

Please mail a non-returnable photo that reflects your landscape with a completed application downloaded from our website (www.gmrec.uga.edu) to:

Attention: Clare Johnston
Preservation Committee
Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center
2564 Georgia Mountain Experiment Station Road
Blairsville, GA 30512
Telephone: 706-745-2655
E-mail address: clarejo@uga.edu

The Preservation Committee will review your completed application and schedule a site visit. If your property qualifies, you will be issued an Appalachian Native Botanical Sanctuary certificate. After you have received your certificate, you may wish to purchase an additional marker to identify your property as an Appalachian Native Botanical Sanctuary:

- Handcrafted Pottery Marker (\$20.00)
- Etched Fieldstone Marker (\$70)

To view choice of markers, click [here](#).